

## Project Update: August 2018

The following work of Indian spotted eagle (*Aquila hastata*) project observed nestling and fledging behaviours. 24 field days were spent in all sites. Seven meetings were held with local communities. Only three pairs raised chicks, each pair one among seven breeding pairs. Two pairs nested in a regular nesting tree and third pair nested on a mango tree (*Mangifera indica*) away from regular nesting tree. Only two fledglings were found. Probably third chick was unsuccessful to fledge. Newly fledged chicks were highly vocal. Two pairs built nest and probably not laid eggs. Never observed to sit at nest. One pair built three new nests along with old one on sal tree (*Shorea robusta*). Both subsequently unsuccessful to breed. Single individual of sixth pair (Dhaka pair) detected near a huge nest away from regular nesting tree. Probably its own nest. However no sign of egg and chick observed. Bird also not detected thereafter. Seventh pair not found after destroying the nesting tree by storm.



An adult in hunting attempt. ©Omar Shahadat



A newly fledged chick perched at nest site. ©Omar Shahadat